

Nearly 100 Mackerel Catchers at New York.

RECEIPTS LARGEST SINCE 1883.

Banner Day of That Year May be Exceeded.



Nearly one hundred sail of mackerel catchers are at New York to-day, the receipts being the largest there for many years. Our regular correspondent says that the banner day of 1883, the biggest mackerel year ever known, is likely to be equalled or exceeded before night.

It is a return to the "good old years" which we have heard told about for so long.

Mackerel vessels are everywhere. Anchored down the bay, moored over to Brooklyn docks, or at docks on the New York side waiting their turn to haul in at Fulton dock.

Fulton dock and market is a sight. Mackerel are everywhere. All other fish are lost sight of. Nobody is talking of anything but mackerel, and the big catch which may be the record breaker. No body dares estimate how many barrels are in port.

All the dealers are hustling and the skippers and fishermen are happy, notwithstanding that the heaviest rain storm of the season is prevailing.

Here is what our regular New York correspondent at Fulton Market telegraphs us:

"Never since 1883 has this market seen so many fishing vessels here at one time, there being nearly a hundred sail and all with large mackerel. It is next to impossible to keep track of the arrivals. Many are anchored down the bay and at other wharves, being unable to come near our dock.

"Notwithstanding the large amount here, prices are fair, ranging from five to eight cents. If arrivals continue at the present rate, we will exceed or equal 1883.

"Our dealers are taxed to their utmost and are straining every point to handle the fish satisfactory to all.

"The storm which started at 4 45 o'clock this morning has continued without interruption. At 8 o'clock the rain increased in violence and the downpour at 12 30 is the heaviest this year.

"Many vessels are over at Brooklyn docks waiting a chance to get over to this dock. The wind is northeast, blowing hard and increasing in violence."

Sch. Nourmahal, Capt. Flar McKown.

Sch. Iolanthe.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benj. A. Spurling.

Sch. Ramona, Capt. George Powers.

Sch. Glenelg, of Provincetown, Capt. Nelson Fisher.

Sch. Harry G. French, Capt. William Cluett.

Sch. Fanny S. Orne, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf.

Sch. Mertie and Delmar of Chatham.

Also schs. Rachel, Pluribustab, Mattie and Lena and Fleur de Lis of the netting fleet.

It is impossible to ascertain the amount of each vessel's catch.

Newport.

A special to the TIMES from its regular Newport correspondent this afternoon, reports the following arrivals there:

Sloop Olga, 350 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Venus, 500 large fresh mackerel.

Also about ten sail getting from 300 to 700 mackerel each, and the fleet not all in yet.

Mr. George Poland has arrived at Newport to buy mackerel for the Navy.

Steam Trawler for Alaska.
The first steam trawler ever built for Alaskan waters is now under construction at the Risdon Iron Works, San Francisco, and L. D. Baker of Boston, will be managing owner.—Fishing Gazette.

Saturday, May 11

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Atelanta, Bay of Islands, N. F., 35,000 halibut.

Sch. Viking, via Boston, 15,000 fresh cod.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3 3-4 per cwt., medium do., \$2.75; large trawl Georges, \$3 1-2, medium do., \$2 5-8; handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable, \$3 1-2; medium do., \$2 5-8; large trawl bank cod, \$2.75; medium do., \$2.10 large dory handline cod, \$3 1-8, medium do., \$2 5-8.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$2.65 medium do., \$1.40; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.40; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, 85 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Outside sales bank cod, \$3 25 per cwt for large and \$2.75 for mediums.

Large Peak and Bank Quero cod, \$1.95 per cwt.; medium, \$1.30.

Outside sales Georges cod, \$3.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$2.50 for medium.

Outside sales of shack fish: large cod, \$2.25; medium cod, \$1.65; hake, \$1.15 haddock, \$1.15; cusk, \$1.65.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 7 1-2 cts. for gray.

Boston.

May 11—Ar., sch. Edna Perry, 6000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Noonday, 20,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1 25 to \$2.

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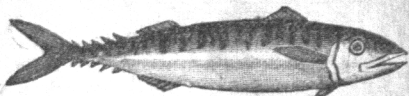
John Nagle received 15 barrels of fresh alewives Friday and 25 barrels to-day from Essex.

Training of Fishermen.

The scheme which is to be inaugurated in Newfoundland, for the training of fishermen in the Royal Navy, will undoubtedly be extended to Canada. Since at present, including reserves, they have only just sufficient men for their ships in case of war, leaving practically none to fill gaps, caused by casualties, it is most important that the country should draw on every available source of supply. Though the colonist as a rule does not appreciate the strict discipline of the imperial service, and the small pay, there is no doubt he is capable of being converted into splendid fighting material. The difficulty has been to evolve a scheme which should provide him with the elementary training necessary before he could be of service as the unit of a man-of-war's crew without unduly interfering with his ordinary vocations. A compromise having been arrived at in the case of Newfoundland—it is to be hoped at little cost to the Mother Country, whose naval burdens are already grievous to bear, though essential—there is every anticipation that the Admiralty will succeed in building up an elastic system of enrolling and training colonial reserves that cannot fail to prove of the utmost service in augmenting the crews of our warships in an emergency.

MARKET CLEANED UP.

Mackerel Left Over Offered at Advanced Prices.



A special dispatch to the TIMES from New York this forenoon from its regular correspondent states that there are no mackerel arrivals at that port to-day. The market has been cleared up, and the few fish that are now on hand are being offered at advanced prices.

The weather is clear and warm and the wind is southwest.

The fact that all of Thursday's and Friday's arrivals had been cleaned out at the fine price, considering the amount of fish in, of 8 and 5 cents each for large and medium, shows that the Fulton market dealers must have done some tall hustling. Their judgment in holding up the price is shown by the fact that to-day the fish are being offered to the trade at advanced prices. For once at least everybody, dealers and skippers worked together and the result is most creditable and satisfactory, especially from a financial point of view, to all concerned.

A letter from New York states that some of the seiners think that the fish are coming this way fast and they will not land many more fares at New York. The netters, however, will operate off there for quite a while yet.

Mr. James McLean, one of the crew of sch. Kearsarge, arrived home Friday evening. He confirms the news from the fleet and the scenes of the big day at Fulton Dock as exclusively published in the first edition of Thursday's TIMES. He confirms the report that the schools are broken up and wild, and are spread out on top of water chasing live feed. He says that mackerel are reported to the southward of where the outside vessels have been fishing, and many think that there is a big body to come along. He thinks the prospects are bright for a good mackerel season.

Mr. McLean spoke of the bad weather at the first of the season and of the big schools which were first met.

Sch. Latona, at New York Thursday, had 100 barrels of fresh medium mackerel.

Two mackerel were taken in traps at Provincetown Friday.

The boats took a few mackerel in their net off Edgartown last week.

Sloop Briganza, of Provincetown, landed 35 barrels of fresh mackerel at New Bedford Tuesday.

During the mix-up at Fulton dock on Thursday noon, sch. Henry M. Stanley started her bitts and sch. Kearsarge had her rail lifted.